

OPINION 672

XENOSTEGIUM WALCOTT, 1924 (TRILOBITA): DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Xenostegium* Walcott, 1924, made prior to the present Ruling, are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Megalaspis belemnurus* White, 1874, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Xenostegium* Walcott, 1924 (gender: neuter), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Megalaspis belemnurus* White, 1874, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1551.

(3) The specific name *belemnurus* White, 1874, as published in the binomen *Megalaspis belemnurus* (type-species of *Xenostegium* Walcott, 1924) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1927.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 914)

The present case was submitted to the Office of the Commission by Dr. R. J. Ross, Jr., in February 1955. The application was sent to the printer on 20 June 1961 and was published on 10 November 1961 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **18** : 332-333. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **4** : 51-56) and to two palaeontological serials. Dr. Ross's proposals were supported by Dr. Alan B. Shaw, Prof. H. B. Whittington and Dr. J. T. Temple (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 147).

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 25 July 1962 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (62)32 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **18** : 332-333. At the close of the prescribed Voting Period on 25 October 1962 the state of the Voting was as follows :

Affirmative Votes—twenty-five (25), received in the following order : China, Holthuis, Obruchev, Riley, Evans, Mayr, Key, Uchida, Binder, do Amaral, Miller, Jaczewski, Boschma, Lemche, Vokes, Tortonese, Stoll, Hering, Borchsenius, Brinck, Kühnelt, Mertens, Poll, Alvarado, Bonnet.

Negative Votes—none (0).

On Leave of Absence—three (3) : Bradley, Munroe, Prantl.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1) : Hemming.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion :

belemnurus, *Megalaspis*, White, 1874, U.S. Army, *Geogr. Geol. Expl. Surv. W.*

100th Meridian, *Prelim. Rept. Invert. Foss.* : 11

Xenostegium Walcott, 1924, *Smiths. misc. Coll.* **75**(2) : 60, pl. 13, fig. 5